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FROM: MAAG GERMANY

TO: Secretary of State

NO: MAAG FRG -: 3227, DECEMBER 20, 6 PM (ARMY MESSAGE)

SENT US CINCEUR, REPEATED INFORMATION DOD/ISA, DEPARTMENT
STATE, DEPARTMENT ARMY, DEPARTMENT NAVY, DEPARTMENT AIR
FORCE, USRO, PARIS.

THIS MESSAGE IN FOUR PARTS.

PART 1. QUOTED HERE FOR YOUR INFO AND OUR SUBSEQUENT REMARKS.
IS A LETTER RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM THE GERMAN FEDERAL MIN-
ISTRY OF DEFENSE.

QUOTE:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTERS, DTD 9 AND 10
DEC 57, AND FOR THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND PUBLICATIONS ON GUIDED
MISSILES YOU FORWARDED TO ME.

THE RELEASE OF AUTHENTIC DATA IS OF PARTICULAR VALUE, SINCE
THE ARMY STAFF IS JUST CONSIDERING AND PLANNING THE SUBSTAN-
TIATION OF THE "NORSTAD PLAN" FOR EQUIPPING THE FEDERAL ARMY
WITH GUIDED MISSILES.

THE DATA YOU ALREADY FORWARDED TO THE TROOP OFFICE, ARTILLERY
DIVISION, WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE EVALUATION.

YOUR OFFER TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER
TO THE ARMY STAFF IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED. OF PARTICULAR
VALUE FOR US WOULD BE ANY EXPERIENCE GAINED BY THE US ARMY
IN THE COMMAND AND ORGANIZATION OF GUIDED MISSILE UNITS
IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO BUILD UP GERMAN OPERATIONAL AND
ORGANIZATIONAL PLANS ON THE BASIS OF EXPERIENCE ALREADY OB-
TAINED.

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YOUR CONDITIONS CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION ARE ACCEPTED HERewith AND WILL BE COMPLIED WITH.

UNQUOTE.

PART II. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING HERE THAT THE "NORSTAD PLAN" REFERRED TO ABOVE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE 15 MEMBER NATIONS FOR COMMENT. AS THE MODERN WEAPONS PROPOSED WILL PRESUMABLY COME FROM THE UNITED STATES BY TYPE, QUANTITY REQUIRED AND WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT PLANNED, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE US HAS COMPLETED ITS FEASIBILITY STUDY AND INDICATED ITS FINDINGS, PROGRESS ON THE PLAN WILL BE DIFFICULT. AT THE SAME TIME GERMANY CANNOT MAKE AN INTELLIGENT STUDY OF THE PLAN WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE MODERN WEAPONS PROPOSED. THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT INFO FURNISHED THE GERMANS ON MANY WEAPONS SO COMPARISONS CAN BE MADE.

WHILE IT MIGHT NOT BE DESIRABLE FOR THE US TO DISCLOSE FACTS ABOUT MODERN WEAPONS UNTIL THEY ARE SURE THEY CAN FURNISH THE WEAPONS, STILL THIS RATHER ANOMALOUS SITUATION SHOULD BE CORRECTED. IT APPEARS HERE THAT THE TIME IS NOW RIFE TO LIBERALIZE OUR DISCLOSURE POLICY AND BRING THE GERMANS UP TO DATE IN ALL SERVICES. WHILE INDUSTRIAL AND PLANT SECURITY ARE NOT ADEQUATE YET, THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE SECURITY IN THE PLANNING STAFF DIVISIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WHERE THIS INFO MUST BE HELD.

ALSO, ONE MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT THE GERMANS HAVE TO RELATE THEIR ENTIRE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM TO COST. NOT ONLY THE INITIAL INVESTMENT BUT TRAINING, MAINTENANCE, INSTALLATION, SPARE PARTS, ETC. ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROGRAM AND OBTAIN FAVORABLE BUDGET ACTION IS REQUIRED VIS-A-VIS GRANT AID RECIPIENTS.

PART III. SHAPE MINIMUM FORCES STUDY 1958-63, (NORSTAD PLAN), NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NATO NATIONS CONTEMPLATES THE INTRODUCTION TO FRG OF MANY ADVANCED WEAPONS. THESE AND THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ARE DISCUSSED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) NIKE AND HONEST JOHN - FMD HAS APPROPRIATE, NOT NECESSARILY

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C. THAT GERMANY, IF NECESSARY, BE TREATED AS A SEPARATE PROBLEM
VIS-A-VIS GRANT AID RECIPIENT COUNTRIES IN THE MATTER OF RELEASE
OF INFO DUE TO TIME FACTORS INVOLVED IN GERMAN'S PROGRAMMING
AND BUDGETING THEIR MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. SIGNED RUFFNER.

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